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***AN ACT CONCERNING AGRICULTURE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-64 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 (a) Any local or regional board of education may enter into
4 agreements with other such boards of education to establish a regional
5 [vocational] agriculture science and technology education center in
6 conjunction with its regular public school system, provided such
7 center shall have a regional [vocational] agriculture science and
8 technology education consulting committee which shall advise the
9 operating board of education but shall have no legal authority with
10 respect to such center. Such agreements may include matters
11 pertaining to the admission of students, including the establishment of
12 a reasonable number of available program acceptances and the criteria
13 for program acceptance. Each board of education shall appoint to said
14 committee two representatives, who have a competent knowledge of
15 agriculture or aquaculture, as appropriate, and who need not be
16 members of such board.

17 (b) No new [vocational] agriculture science and technology
18 education center shall be approved by the State Board of Education
19 pursuant to section 10-65 of the 2008 supplement to the general
20 statutes, as amended by this act, during the three-year period from
21 July 1, 1993, to June 30, 1996, except that the State Board of Education
22 may approve such a center if it is to be operated by the board of
23 education of a local or regional school district with fifteen thousand or
24 more resident students, as defined in subdivision (19) of section 10-
25 262f of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes. If a new regional
26 [vocational] agriculture science and technology education center is
27 established for a school district pursuant to this subsection, any
28 resident student of such school district who, during the school year
29 immediately preceding the initial operation of such center, was
30 enrolled in grades 10 to 12, inclusive, in a regional [vocational]
31 agriculture science and technology education center operated by
32 another local or regional board of education, may continue to be
33 enrolled in such regional [vocational] agriculture science and
34 technology education center.

35 (c) For purposes of this section and sections 10-65 of the 2008
36 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, and 10-66
37 as amended by this act, the term ["vocational agriculture"] "agriculture
38 science and technology education" includes vocational aquaculture
39 and marine-related employment.

40 (d) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish
41 [vocational agricultural training] agriculture science and technology
42 education approved by the State Board of Education shall designate a
43 school or schools having such a course approved by the State Board of
44 Education as the school which any person may attend who has
45 completed an elementary school course through the eighth grade. The
46 board of education shall pay the tuition and reasonable and necessary
47 cost of transportation of any person under twenty-one years of age
48 who is not a graduate of a high school or vocational school or an
49 agriculture science and technology center and who attends the

50 designated school, provided transportation services may be suspended
51 in accordance with the provisions of section 10-233c of the 2008
52 supplement to the general statutes. [Each such board's reimbursement
53 percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for expenditures in excess of
54 eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in the fiscal year beginning
55 July 1, 2004, and in each fiscal year thereafter, shall be increased by an
56 additional twenty percentage points] The Department of Education
57 shall provide, within available appropriations, a grant to the board to
58 reimburse it for the reasonable cost of transportation pursuant to this
59 subsection, provided the state-wide average of such grants does not
60 exceed an amount equal to three thousand two hundred fifty dollars
61 for each student transported.

62 Sec. 2. Section 10-65 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes is
63 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
64 *1, 2008*):

65 (a) Each local or regional school district operating [a vocational
66 agriculture] an agriculture science and technology education center
67 approved by the State Board of Education for program, educational
68 need, location and area to be served shall be eligible for the following
69 grants: (1) In accordance with the provisions of chapter 173, through
70 progress payments in accordance with the provisions of section 10-
71 287i, ninety-five per cent of the net eligible costs of constructing,
72 acquiring, renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used for
73 such [vocational] agriculture science and technology education center,
74 for the expansion or improvement of existing facilities or for the
75 replacement or improvement of equipment therein, and (2) subject to
76 the provisions of section 10-65b, as amended by this act, in an amount
77 equal to [one] two thousand [three] five hundred [fifty-five] dollars per
78 student for every secondary school student who was enrolled in such
79 center on October first of the previous year.

80 (b) Each local or regional board of education not maintaining [a
81 vocational agricultural] an agriculture science and technology

82 education center shall provide opportunities for its students to enroll
83 in [such a center] one or more such centers in a number that is at least
84 equal to the number specified in any written agreement with [a
85 vocational agricultural center] each such center or centers, or in the
86 absence of such an agreement, a number that is at least equal to the
87 average number of its students that the board of education enrolled in
88 [a vocational agricultural center] each such center or centers during the
89 previous three school years. If a local or regional board of education
90 provided opportunities for students to enroll in more than one center
91 as of July 1, 2007, such board of education shall continue to provide
92 such opportunities to students in accordance with this subsection. The
93 board of education operating [a vocational agriculture] an agriculture
94 science and technology education center may charge, subject to the
95 provisions of section 10-65b, as amended by this act, tuition for a
96 school year in an amount not to exceed eighty-two and five-tenths per
97 cent of the foundation level pursuant to subdivision (9) of section 10-
98 262f of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, per student for the
99 fiscal year in which the tuition is paid, except that such board may
100 charge tuition for (1) students enrolled under shared-time
101 arrangements on a pro rata basis, and (2) special education students
102 which shall not exceed the actual costs of educating such students
103 minus the amounts received pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection
104 (a) of this section and subsection (c) of this section. Any tuition paid by
105 such board for special education students in excess of the tuition paid
106 for non-special-education students shall be reimbursed pursuant to
107 section 10-76g.

108 (c) In addition to the grants described in subsection (a) of this
109 section, within available appropriations, (1) each local or regional
110 board of education operating [a vocational agriculture] an agriculture
111 science and technology education center in which more than one
112 hundred and fifty of the students in the prior school year were out-of-
113 district students shall be eligible to receive, a grant in an amount equal
114 to five hundred dollars for every secondary school student enrolled in
115 such center on October first of the previous year, (2) on and after July

116 1, 2000, if a local or regional board of education operating [a vocational
 117 agriculture] an agriculture science and technology education center
 118 that received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, no
 119 longer qualifies for such a grant, such local or regional board of
 120 education shall receive a grant in an amount determined as follows:
 121 (A) For the first fiscal year such board of education does not qualify for
 122 a grant under said subdivision (1), a grant in the amount equal to four
 123 hundred dollars for every secondary school student enrolled in its
 124 [vocational] agriculture science and technology education center on
 125 October first of the previous year, (B) for the second successive fiscal
 126 year such board of education does not so qualify, a grant in an amount
 127 equal to three hundred dollars for every such secondary school
 128 student enrolled in such center on said date, (C) for the third
 129 successive fiscal year such board of education does not so qualify, a
 130 grant in an amount equal to two hundred dollars for every such
 131 secondary school student enrolled in such center on said date, and (D)
 132 for the fourth successive fiscal year such board of education does not
 133 so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to one hundred dollars for every
 134 such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said date,
 135 and (3) each local and regional board of education operating [a
 136 vocational agriculture] an agriculture science and technology
 137 education center [which] that does not receive a grant pursuant to
 138 subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection shall receive a grant in an
 139 amount equal to sixty dollars for every secondary school student
 140 enrolled in such center on said date.

141 (d) (1) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the
 142 grants described in subsections (a) and (c) of this section are calculated,
 143 within available appropriations, each local or regional board of
 144 education operating [a vocational agriculture] an agriculture science
 145 and technology education center shall be eligible to receive a grant in
 146 an amount equal to one hundred dollars for each student enrolled in
 147 such center on October first of the previous school year. (2) If there are
 148 any remaining funds after the amount of the grants described in
 149 subdivision (1) of this subsection are calculated, within available

150 appropriations, each local or regional board of education operating [a
151 vocational agriculture] an agriculture science and technology
152 education center that had more than one hundred and fifty out-of-
153 district students enrolled in such center on October first of the
154 previous school year shall be eligible to receive a grant based on the
155 ratio of the number of out-of-district students in excess of one hundred
156 and fifty out-of-district students enrolled in such center on said date to
157 the total number of out-of-district students in excess of one hundred
158 and fifty out-of-district students enrolled in all [vocational] agriculture
159 science and technology education centers that had in excess of one
160 hundred and fifty out-of-district students enrolled on said date.

161 Sec. 3. Section 10-65a of the general statutes is repealed and the
162 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

163 (a) Each local and regional board of education which operates [a
164 vocational agriculture] an agriculture science and technology
165 education center shall establish and implement a five-year plan to
166 increase racial and ethnic diversity at such center. The plan shall
167 reasonably reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the area of the state
168 in which the center is located.

169 (b) Each local and regional board of education which operates [a
170 vocational agriculture] an agriculture science and technology
171 education center shall conduct an annual study to ascertain the
172 educational and vocational activities in which graduates of such center
173 are engaged five years after graduation and shall submit the study to
174 the State Board of Education.

175 Sec. 4. Section 10-65b of the general statutes is repealed and the
176 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

177 A local or regional board of education [which] that operates a
178 regional [vocational] agriculture science and technology education
179 center shall provide to each student enrolled in such center all of the
180 student's nonagricultural academic courses, provided [that] any such

181 board which, on or before July 1, 1993, entered into an agreement to
182 offer shared-time arrangements and any such board [which] that
183 operates a regional vocational aquaculture program may offer or
184 continue to offer such shared-time arrangements unless the
185 Commissioner of Education determines that such shared-time
186 arrangements are not in substantial compliance with the provisions of
187 sections 10-64, as amended by this act, and 10-65 of the 2008
188 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, and any
189 regulations adopted pursuant to section 10-66, as amended by this act.
190 For purposes of this section and said section 10-65 of the 2008
191 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, "shared-
192 time arrangements" means the enrollment of students in a regional
193 [vocational] agriculture science and technology education center while
194 such students receive nonagricultural academic courses in a school
195 district under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education
196 other than the board of education operating such center.

197 Sec. 5. Section 10-66 of the general statutes is repealed and the
198 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

199 The State Board of Education may adopt, in accordance with the
200 provisions of chapter 54, such regulations as are necessary to carry out
201 the purposes of this part and to insure reasonable economy in the
202 [vocational] agriculture science and technology centers.

203 Sec. 6. Section 10-97 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes is
204 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
205 *1, 2008*):

206 (a) The board of education of any town or, where the boards of
207 education of constituent towns have so agreed, any regional school
208 district shall provide the reasonable and necessary transportation,
209 except as provided in section 10-233c of the 2008 supplement to the
210 general statutes, for any student under twenty-one years of age who is
211 not a graduate of a high school or vocational school and who resides
212 with a parent or guardian in such town or regional school district or

213 who belongs to such town, and who attends a state or state-approved
214 vocational secondary school within such local or regional school
215 district as a regular all-day student or as a high school cooperative
216 student, and for any such student who attends any such school in a
217 town other than the town of his residence. When the cost of such
218 transportation out-of-town would exceed the sum of two hundred
219 dollars per year, said board of education may elect to maintain such
220 student in the town where he or she attends such vocational school
221 and for the cost of such maintenance the local or regional school
222 district shall be reimbursed in the same manner and to the same extent
223 as in the case of payment for transportation. Each such board's
224 reimbursement percentage pursuant to section 10-266m of the 2008
225 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, for
226 expenditures in excess of eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in
227 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and in each fiscal year thereafter,
228 shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage points.

229 (b) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish
230 [vocational agricultural training] agriculture science and technology
231 education approved by the State Board of Education shall designate a
232 school or schools having such a course approved by the State Board of
233 Education as the school which any person may attend who has
234 completed an elementary school course through the eighth grade. The
235 board of education shall pay the tuition and reasonable and necessary
236 cost of transportation of any person under twenty-one years of age
237 who is not a graduate of a high school or vocational school and who
238 attends the designated school, provided transportation services may be
239 suspended in accordance with the provisions of section 10-233c of the
240 2008 supplement to the general statutes. [Each such board's
241 reimbursement percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for
242 expenditures in excess of eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in]
243 The Department of Education shall provide, within available
244 appropriations, a grant to each such board to reimburse it for
245 transportation costs pursuant to this subsection for the fiscal year
246 beginning July 1, [1987] 2008, and [in] for each fiscal year thereafter. [,

247 shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage points] The
248 amount of the grant shall be equal to the reasonable cost of such
249 transportation, provided (1) the state-wide average of such grants does
250 not exceed an amount equal to three thousand two hundred fifty
251 dollars for each student transported, and (2) the cost of transporting a
252 student does not exceed an amount equal to the cost of transporting
253 such student to the school furnishing a full program of agriculture
254 science and technology education nearest to the sending school district
255 at the time of the student's initial enrollment in the program.
256 Application for such grant shall be made by the board of education to
257 the State Board of Education at such time and in such manner as said
258 state board prescribes.

259 (c) Any local or regional board of education which transports
260 students to a state or state-approved vocational secondary school [, or
261 school furnishing vocational agricultural training] shall be reimbursed
262 for a portion of such pupil transportation annually in accordance with
263 the provisions of section 10-266m of the 2008 supplement to the
264 general statutes, as amended by this act, and the provisions of
265 [subsections] subsection (a) [and (b)] of this section relating to
266 reimbursement percentages. [, provided the reimbursement for
267 transportation costs to a school furnishing vocational agricultural
268 training shall not exceed an amount equal to such reimbursement of
269 the costs of transporting such pupils to the school furnishing a full
270 program of vocational agricultural training nearest to the sending
271 school district at the time of the pupil's initial enrollment in the
272 program.] Application for such reimbursement shall be made by the
273 board of education to the State Board of Education at such time and in
274 such manner as said state board prescribes. The provisions of this
275 section shall apply to a veteran who served in time of war, as defined
276 by section 27-103, without regard to age or whether or not such
277 veteran resides with a parent or guardian provided such veteran is
278 attending a state or state-approved vocational secondary school.

279 (d) The parents or guardian of any student or any veteran over

280 twenty-one who is denied the reasonable and necessary transportation
281 required in this section may appeal such lack of transportation in the
282 same manner as is provided in sections 10-186 and 10-187.

283 (e) For purposes of this section, a local or regional board of
284 education shall not be required to expend for transporting a student to
285 a regional vocational-technical school or [a vocational-agriculture] an
286 agriculture science and technology education center an amount greater
287 than six thousand dollars, except that a board of education shall
288 continue to pay the reasonable and necessary costs of transporting a
289 student who is enrolled in such a school or center on July 1, 1996, until
290 such student completes the program at such school or center.

291 Sec. 7. Section 10-220d of the general statutes is repealed and the
292 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

293 Each local and regional board of education shall provide full access
294 to regional vocational-technical schools, regional [vocational]
295 agriculture science and technology education centers, interdistrict
296 magnet schools, charter schools and interdistrict student attendance
297 programs for the recruitment of students attending the schools under
298 the board's jurisdiction, provided such recruitment is not for the
299 purpose of interscholastic athletic competition.

300 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 10-231b of the 2008 supplement to
301 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
302 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

303 (a) No person, other than a pesticide applicator with supervisory
304 certification under section 22a-54 or a pesticide applicator with
305 operational certification under section 22a-54 under the direct
306 supervision of a supervisory pesticide applicator, may apply pesticide
307 within any building or on the grounds of any school, other than a
308 regional [vocational] agriculture science and technology education
309 center. This section shall not apply in the case of an emergency
310 application of pesticide to eliminate an immediate threat to human

311 health where it is impractical to obtain the services of any such
312 applicator provided such emergency application does not involve a
313 restricted use pesticide, as defined in section 22a-47.

314 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 10-231c of the general statutes is
315 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
316 *1, 2008*):

317 (a) As used in this section, "local or regional board of education"
318 means a local or regional board of education that does not have an
319 integrated pest management plan for the schools under its control that
320 is consistent with an applicable model plan provided by the
321 Commissioner of Environmental Protection under section 22a-66l of
322 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes and "school" means a
323 school, other than a regional [vocational] agriculture science and
324 technology education center, under the control of a local or regional
325 board of education.

326 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 10-231d of the general statutes is
327 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
328 *1, 2008*):

329 (a) As used in this section, "local or regional board of education"
330 means a local or regional board of education which has an integrated
331 pest management plan for the schools under its control that is
332 consistent with an applicable model plan provided by the
333 Commissioner of Environmental Protection under section 22a-66l of
334 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes and "school" means a
335 school, other than a regional [vocational] agriculture science and
336 technology education center, under the control of a local or regional
337 board of education.

338 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 10-264l of the 2008 supplement to
339 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
340 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

(a) The Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, establish a grant program to assist local and regional boards of education, regional educational service centers, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of Manchester Community College, and cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a with the operation of interdistrict magnet school programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be operated in conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school program" means a program which (1) supports racial, ethnic and economic diversity, (2) offers a special and high quality curriculum, and (3) requires students who are enrolled to attend at least half-time. An interdistrict magnet school program does not include a regional [vocational] agriculture science and technology school, a regional vocational-technical school or a regional special education center. On and after July 1, 2000, the governing authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that is in operation prior to July 1, 2005, shall restrict the number of students that may enroll in the program from a participating district to eighty per cent of the total enrollment of the program. The governing authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that begins operations on or after July 1, 2005, shall (A) restrict the number of students that may enroll in the program from a participating district to seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment of the program, and (B) maintain such a school enrollment that at least twenty-five per cent but not more than seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are pupils of racial minorities, as defined in section 10-226a.

Sec. 12. Subdivision (2) of section 10-282 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

(2) "Secondary school building" means any public school building designed to house any combination of grades seven through twelve or any regional [vocational] agriculture science and technology education

374 center established under the provisions of part IV of chapter 164, and
375 may also include any separate combination of grades five and six or
376 grade six with grades seven and eight in a program approved by the
377 State Board of Education when the use of special facilities generally
378 associated with secondary schools is an essential part of the program
379 for all grades included in such school.

380 Sec. 13. Subdivision (15) of section 10-282 of the 2008 supplement to
381 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
382 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

383 (15) ["Vocational agriculture"] "Agriculture science and technology
384 education" includes vocational aquaculture and marine-related
385 employment.

386 Sec. 14. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the
387 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
388 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

389 (4) In the case of a regional [vocational] agriculture science and
390 technology education center or the purchase of equipment pursuant to
391 subsection (a) of section 10-65 of the 2008 supplement to the general
392 statutes, as amended by this act, or a regional special education facility
393 pursuant to section 10-76e, an amount equal to the eligible cost of such
394 project, as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

395 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 10-287 of the 2008 supplement to
396 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
397 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

398 (a) A grant for a school building project under this chapter to meet
399 project costs not eligible for state financial assistance under section 10-
400 287a shall be paid in installments, the number and time of payment of
401 which shall correspond to the number and time of principal
402 installment payments on municipal bonds, including principal
403 payments to retire temporary notes renewed for the third and

404 subsequent years pursuant to section 7-378a of the 2008 supplement to
405 the general statutes or 7-378e, issued for the purpose of financing such
406 costs and shall be equal to the state's share of project costs per
407 principal installment on municipal bonds or notes, except in cases
408 where the project has been fully paid for, in which case the number of
409 installments shall be five or, in the case of a regional [vocational]
410 agriculture science and technology education center or a cooperative
411 regional special educational facility, shall be one; provided final
412 payment shall not be made prior to an audit conducted by the State
413 Board of Education for each project for which a final calculation was
414 not made prior to July 31, 1983. Grants under twenty-five thousand
415 dollars shall be paid in one lump sum. The Commissioner of Education
416 shall certify to the State Comptroller, upon completion of the issuance
417 of bonds or such renewal of temporary notes to finance each school
418 building project, the dates and amounts of grant payments to be made
419 pursuant to this chapter and the State Comptroller shall draw an order
420 on the State Treasurer upon such certification to pay the amounts so
421 certified when due. All site acquisition and project cost grant payments
422 shall be made at least ten days prior to the principal payment on bonds
423 or temporary notes related thereto or short-term financing issued to
424 finance such site acquisition or project. Annual grant installments paid
425 pursuant to this section on principal installment payments to retire
426 temporary notes renewed pursuant to section 7-378a of the 2008
427 supplement to the general statutes or 7-378e shall be based each year
428 on the amount required to be retired pursuant to said sections, as
429 adjusted for any ineligible project costs, and shall be paid only if at the
430 time such temporary notes are renewed the rate of interest applicable
431 to such notes is less than the rate of interest that would be applicable
432 with respect to twenty-year bonds if issued at the time of such
433 renewal. The determination related to such rates of interest pursuant to
434 this subsection may be reviewed and shall be subject to approval by
435 the Commissioner of Education prior to renewal of such notes. In the
436 event that a school building project is not completed at the time bonds
437 or temporary notes related thereto are issued to finance the project, the

438 certification of the grant payments made pursuant to this section by
439 the Commissioner of Education may be based on estimates, provided
440 upon completion of such project and notification of final acceptance to
441 the state, the Commissioner of Education shall adjust and recertify the
442 dates and amounts of subsequent grant payments based on the state's
443 share of final eligible costs.

444 Sec. 16. Section 10-288a of the general statutes is repealed and the
445 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

446 When the secondary school with which an approved [vocational]
447 agriculture science and technology education center has been
448 associated is to be replaced or relocated within a town or regional
449 school district, the Commissioner of Education may require the
450 relocation of the equipment and program in a building approximately
451 equal to that serving as a center for [vocational] agriculture science and
452 technology education. Such new facilities shall be included in or
453 adjacent to the high school which is to serve the needs of the
454 [vocational] agriculture science and technology education pupils and
455 shall conform to requirements of the Commissioner of Education with
456 respect to location, design and construction. Said town or regional
457 school district may receive a grant for the construction of such
458 replaced or relocated [vocational] agriculture science and technology
459 education center as provided in subsection (e) of section 10-286 for a
460 secondary regional school district or subsection (f) of section 10-286,
461 whichever may be appropriate. Upon final approval by the
462 Commissioner of Education of the replacement or relocation of such
463 [vocational] agriculture science and technology education center the
464 town or regional school district may use the facilities which had
465 previously served as such center for such purposes as it determines
466 advisable.

467 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 10-266m of the 2008 supplement to
468 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
469 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

470 (a) A local or regional board of education providing transportation
471 in accordance with the provisions of sections 10-54, 10-66ee of the 2008
472 supplement to the general statutes, [10-97,] 10-158a, 10-273a, 10-277
473 and 10-281 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, and
474 subsections (a) and (c) of section 10-97 of the 2008 supplement to the
475 general statutes, as amended by this act, shall be reimbursed for a
476 percentage of such transportation costs as follows:

477 (1) The percentage of pupil transportation costs reimbursed to a
478 local board of education shall be determined by (A) ranking each town
479 in the state in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine
480 according to such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita,
481 as defined in section 10-261; (B) based upon such ranking, and
482 notwithstanding the provisions of section 2-32a, (i) except as otherwise
483 provided in this subparagraph, a percentage of zero shall be assigned
484 to towns ranked from one to thirteen and a percentage of not less than
485 zero nor more than sixty shall be determined for the towns ranked
486 from fourteen to one hundred sixty-nine on a continuous scale, except
487 that any such percentage shall be increased by twenty percentage
488 points in accordance with section 10-97 of the 2008 supplement to the
489 general statutes, as amended by this act, where applicable and (ii) for
490 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, and for each fiscal year thereafter,
491 a percentage of zero shall be assigned to towns ranked from one to
492 seventeen and a percentage of not less than zero nor more than sixty
493 shall be determined for the towns ranked from eighteen to one
494 hundred sixty-nine on a continuous scale.

495 (2) The percentage of pupil transportation costs reimbursed to a
496 regional board of education shall be determined by its ranking. Such
497 ranking shall be determined by (A) multiplying the total population, as
498 defined in section 10-261, of each town in the district by such town's
499 ranking, as determined in subdivision (1) of this section, (B) adding
500 together the figures determined under subparagraph (A) of this
501 subdivision, and (C) dividing the total computed under subparagraph
502 (B) of this subdivision by the total population of all towns in the

503 district. The ranking of each regional board of education shall be
 504 rounded to the next higher whole number and each such board shall
 505 receive the same reimbursement percentage as would a town with the
 506 same rank, provided such percentage shall be increased in the case of a
 507 secondary regional school district by an additional five percentage
 508 points and, in the case of any other regional school district by an
 509 additional ten percentage points.

510 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of
 511 this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, and for each fiscal
 512 year thereafter, no local or regional board of education shall receive a
 513 grant of less than one thousand dollars.

514 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
 515 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2009, inclusive, the amount of
 516 transportation grants payable to local or regional boards of education
 517 shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year
 518 exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-64 |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-65 |
| Sec. 3 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-65a |
| Sec. 4 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-65b |
| Sec. 5 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-66 |
| Sec. 6 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-97 |
| Sec. 7 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-220d |
| Sec. 8 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-231b(a) |
| Sec. 9 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-231c(a) |
| Sec. 10 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-231d(a) |
| Sec. 11 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-264l(a) |
| Sec. 12 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-282(2) |
| Sec. 13 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-282(15) |
| Sec. 14 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-286(a)(4) |
| Sec. 15 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-287(a) |
| Sec. 16 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-288a |

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| Sec. 17 | July 1, 2008 | 10-266m(a) |
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase state support of regional agriculture science programs by increasing the per pupil operating grant and the transportation grant, to redesignate vocational agriculture programs as agriculture science and technology education programs and to clarify language concerning enrollment opportunities for students in agriculture science and technology education programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]